Dear Js, 8/19/72

As tired beavers are, I am and have been, thus am late in acknowledging JW's 8/12 and enclosures from both. That Wicker column on Nixon and the Alsop Peace Prize is as good as Hoppe, Baker and Buchwald at their best. The Janus stuff noted. The incredible persistente in career as a lemming by Garrison is not surprising, if it is disappointing. He should have quit with the double abnner "Federal Government Stops Garrison", as even his sycophants tried to persuade. I am certain the Shaw lawyers will push for a hearing on his damage suit and equally certain that if untainted Jim's deft legal touches and exquisite sense of public relations will deliver the case to them. After all, it isn't his money that Shaw et al can collect, for he has none. (I remain without doubt that Shaw and others did commit perjury, but JG hasn't the case and I do, which confronts me with a serious problem at some point.)

Don't send anything unless there is something exceptional on the Bremer case, thanks. I expect to do no more, but I do want to read the book and the FBI repirts, on which, without today's mail having come, no word.

When I get it I'll probably let Bud's people copy it if on reading it seems they can do no harm with it. Otherwise, I'll lend it to you can you can decide for yourself if you want copies. If Hoch does, he can get then two pages to a sheet for about 2¢ per page.

I doubt if Shriver will respond to my letter, didn't expect it, think I wrote it in a way not to suggest answer is needed, and Cunningham knows I never expect a formal reply and have gone out of my way to discourage use of needed time for it. I don't t ink Shriver will ever forget me on severalscores.

I had been asked by Post's Bernstein "continue sending those memos". When Woodward was too damned lazy to send a clipping I'd stopped. After reading the Barnes story and others, I wrote a page and a half but found I couldn't add anything without the appearance of too much criticism so I threw it away. The reporting has been wretchedly incompetent. Je did more on Hunt that all the Wash press did, and all she did was go to the library (which is a demonstration of what a STM can do). I, alas, would have had to preserve confidentiality on what I'd learned about the present if I had not been asked, for personal hurt to an innocent would have been inveitable. However, that any decent reporter could have missed this tracing on what I've given all baffles me, it is that obvious. In time I'll tell you for in time I'll be able to. Some of the quotes in the Barnes story or the one reporting the Press Club speech grate the teeth. To think the obvious questions weren't asked!

Oh, well; of such is the kingdom, of such security.

Thanks,